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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Mary Alice Dixon on February 10, 2019 at the age of 69; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Alice (Nykiel) Dixon was born September 13, 1949 to Irene and Chester Nykiel; she was a former resident of Oak Park, later becoming a resident of Westchester; and

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WHEREAS, For 45 years, Mary Alice Dixon served thousands of patients, primarily children, as a registered nurse, working at Michael Reese, Hartgrove, Riveredge, Children's Memorial, and Lurie Children's hospitals; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Alice Dixon was a skilled clinician; she was respected by her colleagues, and they spoke of working with her as an honor; one remarking that she brought a special gift to each person she encountered; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Alice Dixon was an avid adventurer; she enjoyed traveling to various locales, such as Cancun, Las Vegas, Arizona, England, Spain, and Hong Kong, as well as campfires at the farm in Marlette; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Alice Dixon was a lover of people and enjoyed

1 bringing them together through travel and parties, including the
2 St. Patrick's Day dance at St. Giles, her infamous Oscar party,
3 and the pierogi and kolacky party; and

4 WHEREAS, Mary Alice Dixon was a devoted parishioner of St.
5 Giles Catholic Church; and

6 WHEREAS, Mary Alice Dixon is survived by her husband,
7 Russell A. Dixon, D.D.S.; her daughter, Erica (Jennifer
8 Dixon-Johnson); her grandchildren, Cooper and Russell; her
9 siblings, Gail (Joseph) Maher and Glen Nykiel; and her nieces,
10 cousins, and many friends; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
13 Mary Alice Dixon and extend our sincere condolences to her
14 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the family of Mary Alice Dixon as an expression of
18 our deepest sympathy.